

granting medical school. Nevada has grown exponentially over the past few decades, and the number of physicians has not kept pace in our communities. Nevada ranks 45th in the Nation for the number of active physicians per 100,000 residents and comes in 48th for primary care physicians and 50th for general surgeons. Making this graduating class all the more exceptional, 18 of the 50 newly minted physicians plan on staying in the Silver State for their residency.

Many of these graduates no doubt had some assumptions of what the beginning of their lifelong medical journey might look like when they began, and few could have anticipated what these past 4 years have brought. From the COVID-19 pandemic and before that, the Route 91 Harvest festival mass shooting in 2017, these graduates have mourned with their community, risen to the challenges, and proven just what it means to be battle-born. This is an incredible moment for Nevada, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, our communities, and these dedicated graduates and their families.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this achievement.●

REMEMBERING KATHIE BAILEY

● Mr. DAINES. Madam President, today I have the distinct honor of recognizing Kathie Bailey. Kathie passed away on May 14, 2021, in Lewistown, MT. Kathie was an amazing woman. She and her husband, Rod, were married for 43 years and had two sons, C.J. and Justin. She was active in supporting them in rodeo, 4-H, and FFA events. Kathie was a caring wife, mother, and grandmother.

Kathie also was active in public service. She served on many State boards, as well as the administrator of the City of Colstrip for 7 years and a Fergus County commissioner for 5 years. She served as a 4-H Extension staff member for several years and was on the national board for 6 years.

Kathie was the driving force for the creation and development of the Snowy Mountain Development Center, SMDC. This organization has been the impetus for business development, homeownership, and health services in the area. Her staff lovingly called her “Barra-cuda Bailey” and the “Tasmanian Devil” when describing her intensity and dedication to projects that were important to her and her community. Kathie left an endowment to ensure the long-term viability of SMDC, which she founded in 2001 and initially operated from the trunk of her car. As a result of her efforts, she built SMDC into a multimillion-dollar organization, recently recognized as an EnVision Center, a State-sanctioned Certified Regional Development Corporation, and helped establish a federally designated Economic Development District. She had a highly proficient team of professional women that she hand-picked, trained, coached, mentored,

and trusted to carry forth her legacy. Central Montana’s community and economic landscape reflects the thousands of hours and dollars she invested passionately, selflessly, and honorably in her community and with the people she loved so deeply.

But most importantly, Kathie’s life was shaped by God. She knew that God was guiding her to something new and even more rewarding and was eagerly awaiting God’s calling. She was secure in knowing where she would spend eternity.

We lost an accomplished person when Kathie passed. Her life was indicative of the true Montana spirit of selfless giving and dedication to making the world a better place. She will be missed.●

REMEMBERING “PIANO PAT” SPONHEIM

● Mr. DAINES. Madam President, today I have the honor of recognizing “Piano Pat” Sponheim, an iconic entertainer and a Montana treasure. Pat passed away peacefully at the age of 85 on May 4, 2021.

Piano Pat was a Great Falls staple. She had been singing, playing the piano, and lighting up the room at the world-renowned Sip ‘N Dip Lounge since 1963. Montanans and tourists from every corner of the world would swarm the Great Falls Tiki Bar to hear Pat belt out her rendition of some of the greatest classics. Her vast repertoire of songs would always amaze people as they made requests that soon became her next tune. Her performances brought joy to everyone who listened. For over five decades, Piano Pat entertained folks of all ages and backgrounds.

Pat was not only a Montana celebrity; she was also a strong follower of Christ. Her faith was a guiding force in her life, and she was known for her love and compassion for others. As a single mom, Pat worked hard to raise her three children. She continued her dedication to her family by caring for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her passion for music and her love of life was infectious. Pat was a Montana legend who will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and fans from Montana and around the world. She has joined her heavenly choir now.●

TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY DAVID “OZ” OSBORNE

● Mr. PAUL. Madam President, when a popular sheriff’s deputy from Daviess County, KY began what seemed to be a routine call in 1989, he had no reason to anticipate that his life would soon be hanging by a thread. He served a restraining order without incident and returned to his vehicle. But then, in the blink of an eye, he was shot multiple times, beaten severely, and was nearly run over by the assailant as he fled the scene.

Deputy David “Oz” Osborne was left to die on a driveway along a country

road, but Clarence and Mary Hulsey had made an unplanned—and for them, unusual—decision to go to town to get ice cream on that May evening. First spotting Osborne’s hat, they quickly found him, summoned help, and remained with him until first responders could take over.

This assault nearly ended Osborne’s life 30 years ago, but although he was badly wounded and temporarily paralyzed, he recovered completely, returned to duty, raised his family, and was later elected Daviess County clerk.

More impressive than this narrative is the fact that the convicted assailant later contacted Osborne from prison, seeking his forgiveness, and Osborne agreed. Citing his Christian faith as his motivation, he said that forgiveness “did not happen overnight, but it did happen.”

It is clear why the citizens of Daviess County have so much respect for Oz Osborne to this very day. His story reminds us of the risks that our law enforcement officers and first responders face in the line of duty, but it teaches all of us an indelible and rare lesson about forgiveness and mercy.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1094. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program” (RIN0570-AB02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1095. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fifteenth report to Congress on crime victims’ rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1096. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Judicial Conference’s bankruptcy judgeship recommendations and corresponding draft legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1097. A communication from the Section Chief of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Remimazolam in Schedule IV” ((21 CFR Part 1308) (Docket No. DEA-658)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2021; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1098. A communication from the Section Chief of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Lemborexant in Schedule IV” ((21 CFR Part 1308) (Docket No. DEA-600)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2021; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1099. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United